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NOTE VERBALE DATED 26 APRIL 1993 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Secretary-General presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 22 and 25 April 1993, there appear to have been six flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 816 (1993) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. In addition there have been three flights on 14, 19 and 20 April. Details as to the itinerary of these flights are annexed to the present note verbale.

Annex I

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force
(22-25 April 1993)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
524	22 April	1428	1432	AWACS reported a probable violator 3 nautical miles north of the Zaluzani airport. The probable violator was tracked for 4 minutes, heading south-south-west. A NATO fighter aircraft was directed to intercept the probable violator, but the violating aircraft faded from AWACS radar before visual identification was possible. This aircraft is assessed to have landed in the vicinity of Zaluzani and was flying over an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	Variable 110 knots 1,200 ft
525	22 April	1620	1635	AWACS reported a probable violator 5 nautical miles east of Banja Luka. The probable violator was tracked for 15 minutes, heading west. A NATO fighter aircraft was directed to intercept the probable violator, but the violating aircraft faded from AWACS radar before visual identification was possible. The aircraft may have landed in Banja Luka City. The aircraft was flying in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	Variable 30-70 knots 100 feet and lower
526	22 April	1655	1700	AWACS reported a probable violator 1 nautical mile west of the town of Kotorsko. The probable violator was tracked for 5 minutes, heading south-south-east for 10 nautical miles before turning west for a further 6 nautical miles at a point 3 nautical miles south-east of Doboj. A flight of NATO fighter aircraft was directed to intercept the probable violator; however, it faded from AWACS radar prior to successful interception.	Variable 140 knots Approximately 1,900 ft
				(23 April: no violations reported)	
527	24 April	0759	0812	AWACS and NATO fighter aircraft reported a radar contact 8 nautical miles north-east of the Zaluzani airport. The radar contact was tracked for 13 minutes, flying variable headings south-south-westerly, very low at a speed of 120 knots. This aircraft is assessed to have landed in the vicinity of Zaluzani before visual identification was possible. The aircraft was flying over an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	Variable 120 knots Low
528	24 April	0811	0830	AWACS and NATO fighter aircraft reported a radar contact 8 nautical miles south-east of the town of Derventa. The radar contact was tracked for 19 minutes, flying variable south-easterly headings. A NATO fighter aircraft also had the radar contact at the same position. The radar contact faded before visual identification was possible. The aircraft was flying over an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	Variable 95 knots Low
529	24 April	0843	0848	AWACS reported a probable violator close to the area of the violator identified in Serial No. 528 (7 nautical miles east of the town of Derventa). The radar contact was tracked for 7 minutes, flying in variable easterly headings. A NATO fighter aircraft was directed to intercept the radar track, but it faded from AWACS radar prior to successful interception.	Variable 85 knots Low
				(25 April: no violations reported)	

Annex II

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force
(14, 19 and 20 April 1993)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
530	14 April	1240	1319	AWACS detected a track 5 nautical miles north of Banja Luka. A pair of fighter aircraft were directed to the position of the radar contact, but were unable to establish any further contact. The AWACS track moved slowly north as it manoeuvred and was lost from AWACS radar cover after 23 minutes. This track originated from an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	Manoeuvring Slow Low (3,000 ft)
531	19 April	0520	0556	AWACS detected a track over the north-eastern part of the town of Banja Luka. A flight of NATO aircraft was directed to intercept this track and reported radar contacts. Although the aircraft were unable to identify the track visually, they observed three Mi-8 helicopters on the ground at Zaluzani, at least one of which had engines running. This track originated from an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	Manoeuvring Slow Low
532	20 April	0855	0915	A United Nations Military Observer at Tuzla saw an Mi-8 helicopter, tail No. 3,472, preparing to get airborne. The Military Observer had not been advised of this flight nor was he requested to seek authorization for the flight. The Military Observer advised the local authorities that, if the helicopter did get airborne, it would be in violation of Security Council resolution 816 (1993). On return to his office the Military Observer heard the helicopter engines start and returned to the helicopter pad to protest further. The helicopter was airborne before the Military Observer could reach the take-off pad. The Military Observer had inspected the helicopter on his first visit to the pad and did not find it to be carrying any prohibited items. When the Military Observer protested to the local commander, the latter advised him of the following: the flight duration was 20 minutes, the helicopter landed at Besirovic, the crew consisted of 1 pilot, 1 co-pilot and 2 technicians and the purpose was an air test. The Military Observer has since verified the helicopter to be at Besirovic.	South-west Unknown Unknown